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President’s Letter

Dear FEN Members:

I hope that this letter will find you well, healthy and happy. During this unprecedented time, it has become more difficult than ever to deliver FEN’s mission, which aims to familiarize the people of the Pacific Northwest, and especially youth, with the diversity and richness of several aspects of French culture. Despite the challenging situation, we remain proud of the work we accomplished in 2019 and hopeful for what the future has in store.

Our main event in 2019, Seattle’s French Fest, was a huge success. It brought together over 50 volunteers and presented 23 community booths, including French schools and businesses. There were musical performances, food and wine tastings, and French language activities like dictées, jeopardy, lectures and film screenings. We estimate that about 4,000 people attended the event, including many families and children. Unfortunately, this festival was canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19. Thanks to the quick response of the staff of the FACC-PNW, the cancellation had a very minimal impact on FEN’s finances. We are hopeful that the festival will return better than ever in 2021.

In 2019, FEN organized “La Semaine du Goût” (taste week) in November for the first time. We partnered with the local bilingual French schools to support programming on the theme “eating well” or “bien manger,” including a “Top Chef” collaboration between the 5th grade classes of several schools. The schools also collaborated on a conference on Artificial Intelligence by SKEMA Business School at the French-American School of Puget Sound

(FASPS) on October 21. The event welcomed a mixed audience of educators and technology business people. Finally, along with our standard cooking classes by Chef and TV personality Jacques Boiroux, we held a unique May cooking class to raise money to sponsor a project by Phoebe Wright to bring medical care and supplies to the people of Kitale, Kenya.

FEN programming is supported by French interns who are recruited from French universities to train in the organization and help with program execution. They organize our “France in a Suitcase” project, a one-hour interactive presentation where students are encouraged to learn about French traditions, gastronomy, geography and language. In 2019, our interns and volunteers presented at three different schools, reaching more than 150 local students. The bans on travel and school closures will be a barrier for 2020’s programming as we do not know when we will be able to welcome an intern again.

On a personal note, I have to announce my resignation from the FEN board as I will move to Taipei during the summer. I enjoyed my five years as a board member and president, and the many friendships I made. It is not an easy period, but I am convinced that the FEN board is stable and sound, and will find new ways to strengthen activities for another successful year. Merci to all Board members and the FACC staff for all you do in support of the FEN mission. All the best and I wish to all a successful 2020 year!

Ben Orillon, President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jacques Boiroux Jacques & Company	Michel Lallaison The Peterson Company	John Walsh US Bank
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Robert Harrahill Altruist Partners		

OFFICERS

President Ben Orillon	Vice President Didier Poirier	Secretary Kathleen Brunner	Treasurer Aymeric Prieur
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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Executive Director Jack A. Cowan	Operations Coordinators Alex Baldwin & Lindsey Townsend	Volunteers Marine Dambrine, Katya Kerci, Chris & Don Mochel, Pankaj Paraj, Yasmeen Pelayo, Oriane Roux, Sydney Winstead, Aubree Wiezorak
Deputy Director Eric Beaulieu	Interns Etienne Delage & Pierric Reynaud	

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

January 3, 2019 FEN Board Meeting	May 18, 2019 Cook for a Cause Class/Fundraiser	September 26, 2019 FEN Board Meeting
February 25, 2019 2018 Annual Meeting	May 23, 2019 Presentation to UW Seattle West European Program	October 9, 2019 FEN Board Meeting
March 11, 2019 FEN Board Meeting	May 25, 2019 Volunteers at Chihuly Museum	October 21, 2019 Conference with SKEMA on AI
March 24, 2019 Seattle's French Fest	May 30, 2019 Presentation at Bellevue High School	November 1, 2019 Presentation at Lake Washington High School
April 22, 2019 Volunteer Party for FACC and FEN	July 10, 2019 FEN Board Meeting	November 18-22, 2019 Semaine de goût
May 2, 2019 FEN Board Meeting	July 14, 2019 Bastille Day with AF Portland	November 22, 2019 Beaujolais Nouveau Auction

FEN 2019, 2018 & 2017 Financials

France Education Northwest [501 (c) (3)]

Statement of Activities (P&L) in USD: Fiscal Year - January 1 through December 31

	2019	2018	2017
Earned Revenue			
Core Business			
Donations & Grants Restricted			100
Donations & Grants Unrestricted	4,659	9,624	9,487
Programs and Fundraising			
Net Proceeds: Cooking Classes	(442)	2,155	2,210
Net Proceeds: Beaujolais Nouveau	1,400	1,435	1,360
Net Proceeds: Events/Fundraising, Misc.	-	55	2,659
Net Proceeds: French Fest	21,305	16,169	17,070
Net Proceeds: Regional Dinners	140	30	(230)
Net Proceeds: Startup Weekend	-	500	48
Total Revenue	27,062	29,968	32,704
Operating Expenses			
Total Administrative (Fees, Licenses, Supplies, Parking)	925	950	915
Total Gifts/Grants	5,963	7,485	5,884
Occupancy (Computer, Rent, Telephone)	4,550	4,499	4,143
Professional Fees (Bookkeeper, Prof Services)	18,559	16,874	16,969
Advertising	-	-	263
Miscellaneous	260	37	1,739
Total Operating Expenses	30,256	29,844	29,914
Net Income	(3,195)	123	2,791
Changes in Net Assets			
Bank Balances	37,226	43,232	35,911
Total Assets	37,226	43,232	35,911
Liabilities	6,042	8,852	1,649
Net Assets			
Beginning Balance	34,380	34,262	30,471
Prior Period Adjustments	-	(6)	1,000
Net Income	(3,195)	123	2,791
Total Net Assets	31,184	34,380	34,262
Liabilities & Net Assets	37,226	43,232	35,911